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## **KANSAS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEFRAUDING CREDIT UNION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kansas woman pleaded guilty today to defrauding Central Communications Credit Union.

**Connie S. Owens**, 50, of Kansas City, Kansas, waived her right to a grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty this morning to a federal information that charges her with defrauding Central Communications Credit Union, 2539 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

**Owens** admitted to stealing \$140,000 from the vault of the credit union, Graves said, where she had been employed as a teller since June 1995. **Owens** admitted in her plea agreement that she began embezzling money from the cash vault in May 1999, and continued until November 8, 2001. During this period, Graves explained, **Owens** made false entries in the vault's daily cash ledger to disguise her embezzlement.

As a result of her plea agreement, **Owens** may be subject to a sentence of up to 30 years in prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$1 million and an order of restitution. The sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

As part of her plea agreement, Graves added, **Owens** agreed to pay \$140,000 in restitution to Central Communications Credit Union.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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